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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An ultrasonic probe assembly comprising:
a housing having a handle and a tip, said tip having an axis;
said probe including a carriage assembly and a scanning probe;
10 a scanning assembly contained within said tip; said scanning assembly
comprising a track generally parallel to said tip axis, a sled mounted on said
track to be moveable along said track; and a transducer mounted on said sled;
a drive operatively connected to said sled to move said sled along said
track, and including a magnetic coupler electrically connected between the
15 carriage assembly and the scanning probe for use for transmitting a signal
between said carriage assembly and the scanning probe for further processing.
2. The device of claim 1 wherein the magnetic coupler includes a pair
of coupler rings, one ring being connected into the carriage assembly for
20 rotation, while the second coupler ring stationarily mounts to the scanning probe.
3. A multi-plane ultrasonic probe assembly for use for ultrasound
medical scanning of a part of the body whereby upon locating of the probe within
the body it remains stationary while the assembly provides multi-plane scanning ,
25 comprising:
a housing having a handle and a probe tip, said probe tip having an axis;
a scanning assembly contained within said probe tip and being rotatable
in said probe tip to provide radial scanning of a proximate body part;
said housing including a carriage assembly, and said scanning assembly
30 including a scanning probe;
a transducer operatively associated with said scanning assembly, a drive
operatively connected to said scanning assembly to rotate said scanning

- 5 assembly and to move said transducer longitudinally in said probe tip, to provide multi-plane scanning of a body part without any movement the ultrasonic probe once inserted, and including a magnetic coupler electrically connected between the carriage assembly and the scanning probe for use for transmitting a signal between said carriage assembly and the scanning probe for further processing.

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